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1. NORWAY'S TRADITIONAL DEEP INTEREST IN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REFLECTED IN QUICK GOVERNMENT AND PRESS REACTION TO CZECH ARRESTS OF CHARA 77 SIGNATORIES.

2. AS REPORTED REF A FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND CALLED IN CZECH AMBASSADOR AND EXPRESSED NORWEGIAN CONCERN AT GOC'S ACTION WHICH HE COMMUNICATED SEPARATELY TO CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOPCK. LEADERSHIP OF RULING LABOR PARTY WERE ALSO SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CZECH DISSIDENTS' TREATMENT AND LINKED FUTURE EXPANSION OF GON/CZECH RELATIONS TO ARRESTS. OTHER PARTIES (INCLUDING SOCIALIST LEFT) ECHOED SAME STRONG DISAPPROVAL.

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3. OSLO' PRESS CONTINUED TO DEVOTE SPACE TO ITEM REPORTING FULL TEXT OF CHARTA 77 LETTER IN ADDITION TO FONMIN FRYDENLUND'S STATEMENT TO CURRENT STRASBOURG MEETING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPRESSING CONCERN AT GOC'S MOVE, AND HIS POST SESSION PUBLIC STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT THIS COUNCIL MEETING HAD BEEN BEST IN YEARS BECAUSE MEMBERS FELT NEED FOR THE

ORGANIZATION IN FACE OF PRAGUE CRISIS. OSLO DAILY AFTENPOSTEN
((CONSERVATIVE) CARRIED REPORT TODAY OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT
CENSURING CZECH ARRESTS AND INTERROGATIONS AND COMMENTING
FAVORABLY ON AMERICAN STATEMENT'S TONE.

4. ONLY DISSENT FROM CHORUS OF PRPTTEST VOICED-NOT SURPRISINGLY
BY NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN, MARTIN
GUNNAR KNUSTEN, WHO CHARACTERIZED WESTERN REACTION AS RETURN TO
RHETORIC OF COLD WAR WHICH POURED OUT, HE SAID, BEFORE FACTS OF
PRAGUE SITUATION ESTABLISHED.
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